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## Monthly Newsletter

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*President - Dick Odum Vice President - Dan Hubbard Secretary - Bob Smith Treasurer - Stephen Schmidt*



### *Club Calendar*



*Guests and Visitors always Welcome!*

**August 18th - 7 p.m.**  
Monthly Meeting

*See President's Dispatch for details*

## *The President's Dispatch*

At the August meeting we will conduct the elections for the Club Officers for the rest of 2016 and beyond and this will be my final President's dispatch. The Nominating Committee has a full slate of candidates for us to consider and we will welcome nominations from the floor as well. I have enjoyed serving as your Club President for the last four years and would like to thank my fellow officers: Dan Hubbard, Bob Smith, Bob Haney and Stephen Schmidt and our Newsletter Editor, Pat Koppel, and our Stamp Acquisition Leader, Richard Jackson, for their efforts in keeping the club lively and healthy. At this point our club has a secure meeting place, fifty members, a good balance sheet, an excellent newsletter, a Gmail account, a Facebook presence and plenty of stamps to choose from at every meeting. I look forward to the new leadership taking us in new directions for the future.

The July meeting brought two visitors, Mary Ward and John Stone. John decided to join bringing our membership to 50 members. Please seek out and welcome John to the club. The club had a discussion about lowering annual dues and the result was a decision to not take any action at this time. We also discussed the situation with display frames on loan from the Knoxville Philatelic Society (KPS) and Dave Mielke volunteered that he had some frames he would be willing to sell. I subsequently had a discussion with Dave Anderson, President of KPS, and he related that the KPS had not yet made a decision about our request but he promised to have it on their next agenda. We then proceeded to have a lively auction with the largest number of lots I think we have had (7 tables) and most of them went home with new owners.



The August meeting will bring more lots from the Club's acquisitions plus lots from a new donation to the club by Deborah and Dennis Goodenough of Abingdon.

Also in August is Bill Vance's Summer Show on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 20 & 21, at the Holiday Inn on Cedar Bluff Road, off I-40 in West Knoxville. He plans to have 8 dealers there: Fred Brafford, Robert Barger, Tony Roozen, Jared Cassidy, Don Richter, Heinrich Hahn, John Schwanewolf and himself. My discussion with Bill indicates that all is well for a two day HOLPEX next May at the same location in Johnson City.

## *President's dispatch continued*

Our next regular club meeting will be at the Northeast State Community College Student Services building on August 18 ( beginning at 7 PM ). We will continue with special auctions so bring your items to the August meeting ( now a maximum of 20 per member ). Please fill out the special auction sheet for your lots in advance ( two copies please ) and mark the lots accordingly.

See you there!

*Dick*

## *Older Stamps for Postage?*

*by your newsletter editor*

Janet Klug recently wrote a *Stamp Collecting Basics* article about the U.S. Postal Service regulations on which stamps are valid for postage and which are not. These regulations can be found in the USPS' *Domestic Mail Manual*. In general stamps that are prohibited from being used for postage are postage due stamps, special handling stamps and certified mail stamps. Also U.S. official stamps, revenue stamps, savings stamps and migratory bird hunting and conservation issues ( duck stamps ) cannot be used for postage. United Nations Postal Administration stamps may only be used on mail that originates in the United Nations Headquarters in New York City, NY.

More information on this subject can be found by using a computer to connect to this link

<http://pe.usps.com/cpim/ftp/manuals/dmm300/full/MailingStandards.pdf>

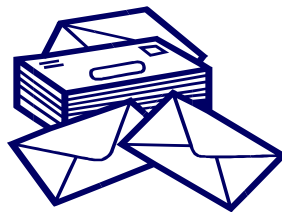
Once the pdf downloads look at page 3 "Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service DMM ". Here are examples of invalid stamps for postage.



## *Interesting Facts about Mail*

*by your newsletter editor*

Did you know that a very interesting early airmail stamp is connected to Tennessee? Samuel Archer King was a pioneer in ballooning starting in 1849 at age of 21. He also lead scientific studies in air navigation and photographing objects, e.g. towns and cities, from balloons. In 1877 he made many short trips in the largest gas filled balloon for that day to show it off to the U. S. Signal Service. John B. Lillard in Nashville designed an adhesive stamp for a mail flight using the balloon between Nashville and Gallatin. The stamp is now known as the Buffalo Balloon stamp because the name of the balloon was Buffalo. Prof. King named it for Buffalo, NY. This stamp is a United States semi-official airmail stamp. Only 300 of these stamps were printed by Wheeler Brothers Printers in Nashville from a single die. The Nashville to Gallatin flight was made on June 18, 1877 and only about 23 of the stamps were used for the mail on that flight.



Unless otherwise indicated by announcement in the newsletter, Holston Stamp Club conducts its regular meeting on the third Thursday each month at 7 p.m.

**Hope to C. U. there**

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Holston Stamp Club Special Auction – Lot Owner List

Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_, Owner Initials xx \_\_\_\_, Please print or type.

Owner Initials xx	Lot #	Catalog # and/or Description	Catalog Value	Catalog Used	Minimum Bid \$	Winning Bidder #	Winning Bid \$
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